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Speaker: Tim McCardel Message Series: Enough Todays' Message: The Gratitude Attitude - Activated

**Truth:** When we \_\_\_\_\_\_ to live with less—we not only <u>do</u> more with our lives—we \_\_\_\_\_ more <u>like Christ Himself</u>.

<u>Psalm 6:2-5</u> "Be <u>gracious</u> to me, O Lord... heal me, O Lord... My <u>soul</u> is <u>greatly troubled</u>... <u>Turn, O Lord,</u> <u>deliver my life</u>... <u>Save me</u> because of <u>Your unfailing love</u>."

Psalm 103:1 "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name."

\* "Bless" - to praise God with strong affection and gratitude.

\* "Soul" - 750 x's in O.T. - "life, breath, throat" - Bless God with ALL you are!

\* "Holy" - God's Uniqueness, Beauty, \_\_\_\_\_, Bounty, Glory, Transcendence, Completeness.

## The Gratitude Attitude—Activated

## 1. God's Grace—Is It Really \_\_\_\_\_? ... Really?

<u>2 Corinthians 12:9, 10</u> "But He said to me, "<u>My grace is sufficient</u> (enough) for you, for <u>My power</u> is made <u>perfect in weakness</u>." Therefore I will boast all the more <u>gladly</u> of my weaknesses, <u>so that</u> the <u>power of</u> <u>Christ may rest upon me</u>... I am <u>content</u> with weaknesses... For <u>when</u> I am <u>weak</u>, <u>then</u> I am <u>strong</u>."

<u>2 Corinthians 9:8</u> "And God is able to make <u>all grace abound to you</u>, so that having <u>all sufficiency</u> in <u>all</u> <u>things</u> at <u>all times</u>, you may <u>abound</u> in <u>every good work</u>."

Colossians 2:10 "So you also are complete thru your union with Christ..."

Hebrews 13:9 "... it is a good thing that the heart be established (strengthened) in grace."

Hebrews 10:14 "For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being made holy."

## 2. Establish Guardrails For a Life of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

"Proverbs 4:23 "Guard you heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

Guardrails" Needed: too easy to stray into real danger zones and horribly crash.

## **Guard Against:**

1. <u>GREED</u>—<u>Luke 12:10</u> "<u>I'll</u> tear down <u>my</u> barns and <u>build bigger ones</u>."

- 2. <u>GRUMBLING</u>—<u>Philippians 2:14</u> "Do <u>all</u> things <u>without grumbling</u>..."
- 3. In <u>GRATITUDE</u>—<u>1</u> Thessalonians 5:18 "In <u>everything give thanks</u>; for this is <u>the will of God</u> in <u>Christ</u> <u>concerning you</u>."